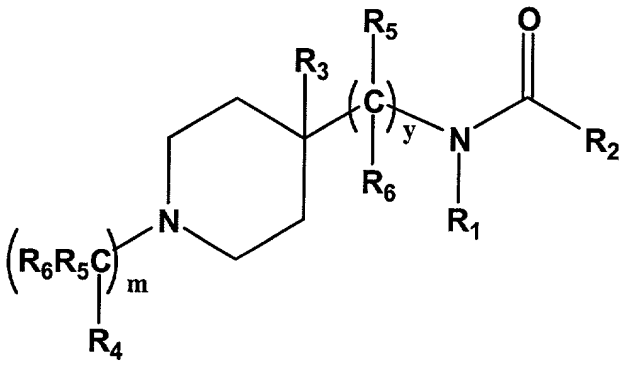
We claim:

1. A formulation, comprising: an excipient selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrins, liposomes, micelle forming agents, and polymeric carriers; and a compound represented by **A**:



A

wherein

m is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

y is 0, 1, or 2;

R_1 represents alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or heteroaralkyl;

R_2 represents H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl, or heteroaralkyl;

R_3 represents H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, OR_2, $OC(O)R_2$, CH_2OR_2, or CO_2R_2;

R_4 represents H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, or heteroaryl;

R_5 represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, F, OR_2, or $OC(O)R_2$;

R_6 represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, F, OR_2, or $OC(O)R_2$;

any two geminal or vicinal instances of R_5 and R_6 may be connected through a covalent bond; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R, S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

2. The formulation of claim 1, wherein the excipient is a cyclodextrin.

3. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2 or 3.

4. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2.

5. The formulation of claim 1, wherein y is 0.

6. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_1 represents aryl or heteroaryl.

7. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_1 represents aryl.

8. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_2 represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.

9. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_3 represents H or alkyl.

10. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_3 represents H.

11. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_4 represents cycloalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.

12. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_4 represents aryl.

13. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_5 represents independently for each occurrence H, or alkyl.

14. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_5 represents independently for each occurrence H.

15. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_6 represents independently for each occurrence H, or alkyl.

16. The formulation of claim 1, wherein R_6 represents independently for each occurrence H.

17. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; and y is 0.

18. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; y is 0; and R_1 represents aryl.

19. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; y is 0; and R_1 represents aryl.

20. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; y is 0; R_1 represents aryl; and R_2 represents independently for each occurrence alkyl.

21. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; y is 0; R_1 represents aryl; R_2 represents independently for each occurrence alkyl; and R_3 represents H.

22. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; y is 0; R_1 represents aryl; R_2 represents independently for each occurrence alkyl; R_3 represents H; and R_4 represents

aryl.

23. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; y is 0; R_1 represents aryl; R_2 represents independently for each occurrence alkyl; R_3 represents H; R_4 represents aryl; and R_5 represents independently for each occurrence H.

24. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; y is 0; R_1 represents aryl; R_2 represents independently for each occurrence alkyl; R_3 represents H; R_4 represents aryl; R_5 represents independently for each occurrence H; and R_6 represents independently for each occurrence H.

25. The formulation of claim 1, wherein m is 2; y is 0; R_1 represents phenyl; R_2 represents independently for each occurrence ethyl; R_3 represents H; R_4 represents phenyl; R_5 represents independently for each occurrence H; and R_6 represents independently for each occurrence H.

26. A method of treating pain, drug addiction, or tinnitus in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a formulation of claim 1.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein said mammal is a primate, equine, canine or feline.

28. The method claim 26, wherein said mammal is a human.

29. The method of claim 26, 27, or 28, wherein said formulation is administered orally.